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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

LONDON, January 20.
Strong police patrols guarded the voting urns at 880 booths in consequence of a rumoured intention to destroy them. Troops guarded the others throughout the night. This explains why the counting was delayed.

LONDON, January 20.
An Amsterdam message says that during the German elections some firing, including machine-gunning, occurred at night-time in the vicinity of the "Vorwarts" buildings. Government troops retreated, whereupon the Spartacists discontinued. Apart from this sporadic firing, nothing important occurred in Berlin. The elections were carried out without disturbance.

A feature was that women and soldiers voted for the first time, the former being particularly in evidence. Families mostly proceeded en bloc to the polling booths, led by the head of the family.

TROUBLE IN PROVINCES.
Serious disturbances occurred in some provincial places. Spartacists fired on the polling booths at Hamburg and partly prevented voting at Kattowitz. They stole the voting urns at Dinslaken.

SEARCHED FOR ARMS.

LONDON, January 21.
Amsterdam reports that on election day in Berlin Government troops constantly searched pedestrians, also occupants of motor-cars and carriages, for arms.

HAMBURG ELECTIONS.

LONDON, January 21.
A Copenhagen message reports that the Hamburg elections passed off quietly. There was heavy polling.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, January 21.
A Paris message says the Conference's decision that belligerent nations alone shall discuss and fix the rules for the League of Nations is considerably dissatisfying neutrals. The British proposals for the League are completed.

A "HAYAS" MESSAGE.

LONDON, January 20.
A "Hayas" message, duplicating the account of the opening of the Paris Conference, remarks that it opened exactly, day for day, 48 years after the founding of the German Empire.

It gives this new phrase from M. Clemenceau's speech, that "we came here as friends; we hope to leave the Conference room as brothers." Everything should be subordinated to brotherly unity.

The message adds that the Powers have agreed to lift to a certain extent the blockade in Germany in order to relieve the shortage of fats, which shortage is said to encourage Bolshevism. But (adds "Hayas") the blockade remains the biggest weapon in the hands of the Allies with which to force terms when signing the final treaty with the enemy.

THE TEA TRADE.

LONDON, January 22.
The Times says the tea trade is dissatisfied with the continuance of war-time restrictions. Probably the Government will be pressed to allow the trade to exercise the individual enterprise which, it is maintained, is now essential if the whole industry is not to be permanently injured. It is understood that if the present flat price of 2s. 8d. per pound be abolished, large distributing firms are prepared to guarantee that all the cheap tea required will be available, and that no loss shall be incurred by the Government through the liquidation of supplies.

THE ROYAL BEREAVEMENT.

LONDON, January 19.
A medical bulletin with reference to Prince John's death states that he had suffered since infancy epileptic fits, which were lately more frequent and severe. The Prince passed away in his sleep, following an attack at 5.50 in the afternoon of January 18 at Sandringham.

SWEDISH AND ESTHONIA.

LONDON, Jan. 19.
Stockholm reports that the Swedish General Sjalmarsen has arrived at Helsinki from Esthonia where he has been investigating the question of sending a Swedish voluntary expedition to help the Esthonians. He states that the Bolsheviks are fleeing panic-stricken, and now occupy only one-sixth of Esthonia. They had murdered 600 persons, including women, children, and aged people in the town of Wesenborg. General Sjalmarsen considers the Swedish assistance as hardly advisable, owing to the precariousness of the economical situation.

CHOLERA AT BOMBAY.

LONDON, Jan. 18.
Bombay reports on Jan. 8 that following the influenza epidemic, Bombay is now suffering severely from cholera, the spread of which is largely attributable to a heavy influx of people from the famine districts. The death roll at Bombay for the week ending Jan. 4, was 1,900, of which 750 were due to cholera. In the preceding week there were 1,600 deaths, of which 550 were due to cholera. The latest figures, however, show a considerable improvement.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

DEATH OF PRINCE JOHN.

STOIC EXAMPLE OF ROYAL PARENTS.

LONDON, January 20th.
The last moments of Prince John came so quietly and unexpectedly that there was no time for the nurse who was with him to summon Their Majesties to the bedside before he passed away.
The newspapers sympathetically point out how Their Majesties laboured unceasingly in war time, burying the tragedy of their youngest son's delicate health in silence in their hearts, never hinting to the nation the nature of the personal anxieties weighing upon them. Every father and mother throughout the Empire will understand what it means to lose the baby of the family.
All the newspapers emphasise that the Empire's sympathy will be heightened by the knowledge of Their Majesties' splendid and untiring example of public service during the past four years of war.

In recent years the delicate health of Prince John necessitated that he should always have an attendant. Consequently, he was never seen on public occasions with the others of the Royal Family, but lived in comparative privacy at Frogmore or Sandringham. The burial will probably be private, at Sandringham, on January 21st.

Public sympathy was expressed at all the Churches yesterday. The Archbishop at St. Paul's invited the congregation to join in silent prayer.

LONDON, January 20th.
The Court will go into mourning for a month from January 20th, and half-mourning for a fortnight after that period.

ESTHONIAN SUCCESS.

HELSINKI, January 20th.
An Esthonian communiqué records the fact that the enemy's Seventy-Sixth Regiment, comprising 500 men, were taken prisoners.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

AMSTERDAM, January 20th.
A telegram from Berlin states that the polling for the National Assembly occurred on January 19th. The country was divided into 37 electoral districts. Every man and woman over the age of 20 had a right to vote. There were separate polling booths for men and women. The system is one of proportional representation. The final results will be known on January 25th.

BERLIN, January 20th.
The National Assembly elections passed off without special incident. Outside the various polling booths immense crowds, including a great many women, awaited patiently and calmly their turn to vote.
Strong forces of Government troops occupied all the important points, also patrolled on foot and in motor cars.
Voting in Berlin, Potsdam and Spandau was extraordinary heavy. A notable spectacle in Berlin was the huge procession to the polling booths in bodies.
Reports from the Provinces also indicate heavy polling and very few disturbances.

AMSTERDAM, January 20th.
The Handsheld correspondent telegraphs from Berlin the following results from the 34 Berlin polling booths: the German Democrats, 7,375; the German Nationals, 4,703; the Independent Socialists, 3,005; the German Peoples' Party, 3,000; the Central Party, 2,244.

So far as can be ascertained the Majority Socialists secured a large majority in the Berlin suburb.
Berlin, excluding suburbs, has 1,400,000 voters of whom at least 1,200,000 voted.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

THE KAISER'S GUILT.

LIABLE TO PERSONAL PUNISHMENT.

PARIS, January 19th.
In an official bulletin the Conference publishes a report upon the ex-Kaiser's responsibility for the war by jurists mentioned yesterday, namely, M. Larnaudie, the *dean* of the Faculty of Law and M. De La Pradelle, Professor of International Law at the Paris University.

The report which has been presented to the Peace Conference, concludes as follows:—
"The ex-Kaiser is answerable in his own person, both in penal and civil law, for the war and the crimes committed by the armed forces under his command."

"The ex-Kaiser's position is similar to that of the Directors of a public company, who can be punished by criminal law, while the position of the German nation is similar to that of the shareholders who cannot."
"The ex-Kaiser cannot escape the responsibility because the German constitution gives him alone the power of decision. The German sovereign depends solely upon God and his sword."
"The ex-Kaiser, in his speeches, frequently expressed this view of his authority, and, according to the Constitution, the ex-Kaiser declares war in the name of the Confederacy, of which Prussia is the dominant partner—and the ex-Kaiser was the King of Prussia."

"Moreover, as the Supreme War Lord, the ex-Kaiser possessed unlimited authority over the Army and Navy, and the German authorities, quoted, are emphasising the ex-Kaiser's absolute liberty of decision, a letter showing that the ex-Kaiser desired and ordered the ferocious methods of warfare."

HIS CRAZE FOR "TERRORISM."
"The ex-Kaiser, in the early days of the war, wrote to Emperor Francis Joseph 'Everything must be put to the fire and sword. Men, women, children, and old men must be slaughtered, not a house or tree be left standing. With these methods of terrorism, which alone are capable of affecting a people as degenerate as the French, the war will be over in two months.'"
The report continues: "Thus the ex-Kaiser incurred personal responsibility to which must be added the civil responsibility of the German Empire. Both are responsible; the Empire at civil law, and the ex-Kaiser at penal and civil law, according to the most elementary rules of right."

Finally, the jurists state:—"The Prince's guilt of an unjust war is liable to personal penalties if such are necessary for the sake of example, for the security of the injured party, and for the security of human society."

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LENOX, January 20th.
The Times correspondent at Bern, telegraphing on January 18th, stated that Count von Bantzen and Herr Schiedemann will represent Germany at the General Peace Conference.

PARIS, January 20th.
Lieut. Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the Imperial War Cabinet, has been appointed the British representative on the Peace Conference Secretariat.

The other four great Powers will make similar appointments.

GERMAN TRADERS' PLANS.

LONDON, January 20th.
The Daily Express correspondent in Berlin states that hundreds of thousands of Germans are busily planning to come to England and America to resume their world-wide business operations as soon as the steamers recommence.

INDIAN PEER.

LONDON, January 20th.
A Peerage for the Under Secretary of State for India, Sir S. P. Sinha, is officially announced.

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, January 20th.
A message from Lisbon states that the Monarchic conspiracy at Oporto and elsewhere has proclaimed ex-King Manuel King.

It is reported that ex-King Manuel is discouraging the movement.

POLAND.

PARIS, January 19th.
The Paderewski Government, which is convening the Constituent Assembly on February 9th has called up the 1898 class in Russian Poland.

FRANCE'S CHRONIC FEAR.

PRESIDENT WILSON REASSURES.

PARIS, January 20th.
M. Dubost, the president of the Senate, presided at a Senate luncheon in honour of President Wilson. He referred to France's exposure to German attacks. World harmony was only possible when France was rid of the nightmare of invasion.
President Wilson, replying, paid a glowing tribute to France's sacrifices. He said there were many new elements which should help to reassure France against future attacks.

TEA AUCTION.

LONDON, January 20th.
(delayed).
Yesterday's tea auction is generally considered a success. A million pounds were sold. Buyers were believed to represent Scandinavia, Holland and France. About 1s. 10d. per pound was paid for some of the best orange pekoe.

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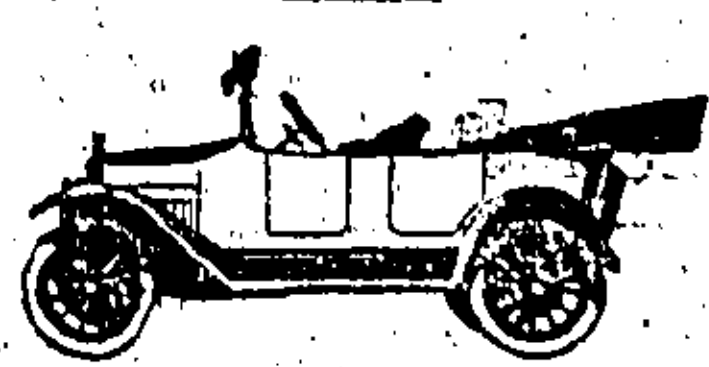
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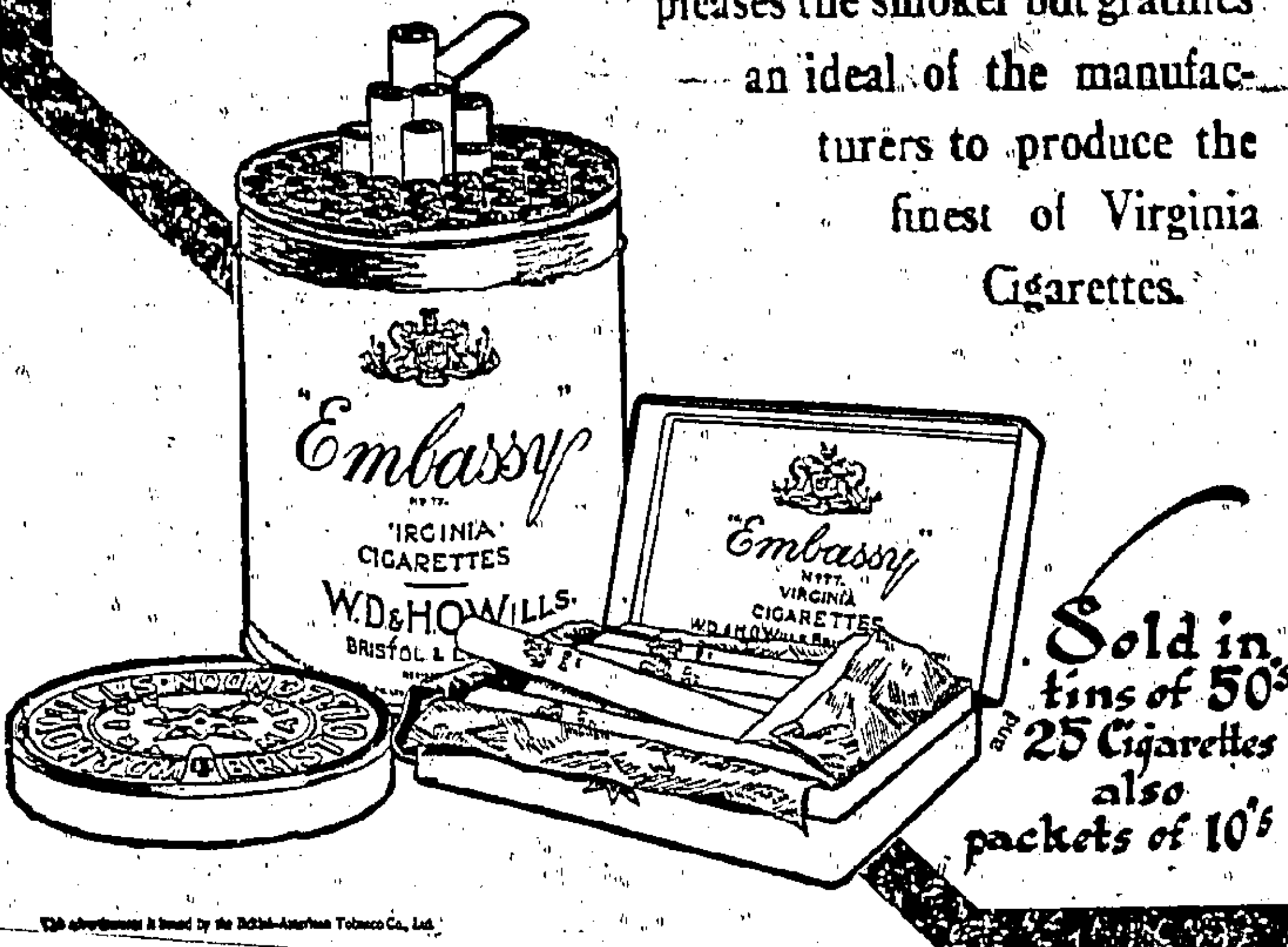
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PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT JAPAN.

The Imperial Court, Tokyo, will de-
spatch General H.H. Prince Kan-in to Europe and America as "Envoy for the congratulation of the Allies' Victory. Rumours say that the above courtesy will be reciprocated by the British Royal Court by sending to the Tokyo Court H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

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FROM PRIVATE TO COLONEL.

Lieut.-Col. Bernard W. Vann, of the Sherwood Foresters, who was killed in action, joined the Army as a private. He won the M.C. and Bar and the D.S.O. and was wounded five times. He was formerly curate of St. Barnabas Church, Leicester, and at one time held the position of assistant master at the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Boys' Orphanage School. He was assistant master and chaplain at Wellington School when he enlisted. When at Cambridge in 1910 he played hockey for the university; at Leicester he played for the Bloneygate Rugby F.C.

MAFFICKING.

At Lloyds much valuable property of tradesmen and others was insured against civil commotion and riots for six to 12 months at premiums ranging from 10s. to 40s. per cent., the highest rates being on jewellers' shops. There was much complaint that this should be necessary. The insurances are not confined to the Metropolis, but to all the large provincial cities and towns. Charing Cross Hospital received in six hours 50 "casualties" due to the rejoicings in Trafalgar square and the neighbourhood. This was stated by a doctor at the inquest on Mrs. E. V. Hill, 41, of Putney, who was run over by a crowded motor lorry in the square. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

SIGN OF THE GRASSHOPPER.

Martin's Bank, which had its origin in the sixteenth century, and for 400 years carried on business in Lombard-street, under the sign of the grasshopper, is to amalgamate with the Bank of Liverpool. The house of Martin, which assumed its present form in 1891, is one of the original members of the London Bankers' Clearing House. The paid-up capital of the joint institutions will be £2,046,000. With deposits totalling between £55,000,000 and £60,000,000, the combined bank will become a large institution, though it will not compare in magnitude with some of the other mammoth banks with deposits of £200,000,000, and over.

SHORTER DAY'S WORK.

One way of diminishing unemployment in the future would be to reduce the working day to eight or even fewer hours. For many years the Trades Union Congress have pressed for a legal eight hours day, and the miners have enjoyed the boon for some years without reducing the coal output. Messrs. Huntley and Palmer are conceding an eight-hour day at their great biscuit factory at Reading, and the Hollet-makers' Society are trying to arrange a 44-hour week. In all Government factories the working day has been eight hours since 1894. Some employers, who are not the least successful, go further. Lord Leverhulme advocates a six-hour day, and quotes a long list of authorities who claim that shorter hours do not mean a reduction of output. The report by Dr. Vernon on the health of munition workers showed, for instance, that a group of women, working 11 hours a day, made 100 articles an hour, and that the same group, when their hours were reduced to seven and a half a day, turned out 138 articles an hour.

A BLACK DIAMOND.

A planter of Kuala Selangor is the lucky owner of a magnificent specimen of that rare precious stone, a black diamond. Its weight is but two and a half carats, not a very large sized stone for an ordinary white diamond, but quite above the ordinary size for a stone of this colour. It has been beautifully cut, and has no less than twenty-four facets on its surface. When in Singapore a few weeks ago, the wife of the owner of this stone took it to experts for valuation. She was told that the value of it was anything from \$5,000 to \$10,000, its real price depending on just where a suitable market could be found for so rare a stone.

SALVED BY FIVE ENGINES.

Novelty and mystery attach to the story of the saving of the cross-Channel steamer "Onward" during the war. It burst into flames while lying in a southern port on the English coast, apparently by an act of treachery, for the fierceness of the fire indicated that thermal bombs had been thrown into the forepart of the ship. To prevent the fire spreading to the quay the ship was towed a little distance and scuttled. She listed and rolled on to her side in the comparatively shallow water. In the subsequent salvage operations it was decided to make use of the railway truck alongside the quay. Five railway locomotives, after a tremendous struggle, slowly dragged the "Onward" into an upright position, enabling her to be patched temporarily and towed to the Thames for repairs.

LATE BISHOP OF CALCUTTA.

A Calcutta wire of January 2 states that the Lord Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan in India and Ceylon, Dr. Le Froy, died in the Presidency Hospital, Calcutta, at 11 p.m., on January 1. The late Bishop was in Singapore as the guest of Bishop Ferguson-Davie and Mrs. Davie in August last, having gone there in the hope of recuperating from a severe illness. Bishop Le Froy consulted a specialist in Java regarding his complaint which did not prove amenable to treatment, and ever since his return to India from Singapore, the late Bishop has been bed-ridden, first at Ranchi and after his removal from there, in Calcutta. Dr. Le Froy drew a lot of criticism on himself owing to some of his sermons during war time, and but for that he was much loved by Europeans and Indians alike. Before he became Bishop of Calcutta he did great missionary work in the Punjab. For the present Bishop Whitehead, of Madras, is acting as Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan in India and Ceylon.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 1919.

SIR OLIVER LOGIC.

Mankind always did worry about apophis and ghosts and devils and things. "It is not fair to blame the simple, superstitious minds of the ignorant Ages, but it is difficult to write without impatience of Twentieth Century people like Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Conan Doyle, who have been advertising spiritualism for all they are worth and for much more than it is worth. Naturally the War has helped them in this stupid business, so many bereaved people being willing to clutch at any straw to soften the blow. Orthodox religion as yet is divided in its attitude. Good religious men naturally are tolerant when Sir Conan Doyle says things like this:—

"Our teaching is that dogma matters little, that the object of all religion is to produce spirituality, that happiness in the next world depends on life in this. If religion produces spirituality it is a success; if it is a mere formula it is a curse which cuts the soul away."

On the other hand, many of the preaching fraternity have set their faces against spiritualism as a heresy. Sensible men, not averse of cheap notoriety, oppose it because it is as fraudulent as it is foolish. Sir Conan Doyle, who appears to be stamping the country and lecturing on it, claims that such men—Lord Morley, for example—need only to read half a dozen books and to consult a couple of "mediums" to be converted. This is impudence. We have all read far more than that, who are genuinely concerned for truth. We have read, for instance, "Raymond", the last contribution by Sir Oliver Lodge on the subject of communication with the dead; and we have been shocked to think it possible that people can be found to take seriously such stories as those about the spirits manufacturing spiritual organs to soothe new arrivals from the earth life, and suits

of "spirit-stuff" to clothe their immaterial bodies. This is not a jest; it is really and truly given by Sir Oliver Lodge as a message from the dead. Sir Conan Doyle, we see, claims to believe that the Clock Lane ghost was a genuine manifestation. The trouble is that respectable names like these carry weight with the mass of men. They are too apt to say, "If they believe, there must be something in it." Sir William Crookes' name has helped many a rogue and fool to maintain an argument. What is not generally known is that Sir William Crookes was very short-sighted, and had no right to take on the job of watching the tricks of "mediums." As it is, he admitted later on that he had been disgracefully deceived. Professor Richet in France and Professors Schiaparelli and Morselli were also "eminent men in science whose names have been abused. They made a report on the "medium" Eusapia Palladino which rather stupidly referred to the "supernormal character" of some of her feats. By this they only meant that they couldn't see through them, and they were careful to say that they did not accept her spiritualist explanation. Her willful deceptions have long been notorious, but these names are still cited in support of the spiritualist claims. It is not true to say that scientific men have been largely converted to tolerance of this nonsense. Unconscious cerebration, unconscious muscular action, telepathy (between living minds), hallucination, and deliberate trickery, account for all that has been done to date. That the brain is the organ of mind is not doubted by any really scientific man to-day. That there can be no function without the organ remains an axiom. Therefore, no matter what cracked novelist or doddering chemist goes round talking rubbish, common sense tells us that what cannot be isn't.

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until the dreadfull disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's Mail is worth 7/3 3-16.

An ex-jailbird stole an ice cream freezer from a cargo boat lying alongside the Praya. He was arrested and given six weeks by Mr. J. B. Wood this morning.

The Empi's Theatre and the Chinese tea-shops (which before was a skating rink), are being pulled down. The lease of the land on which they stand expires at the end of this month.

Arrested in Des Voeux Road West, with \$10 worth of morphine in his possession, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour by the magistrate. He was given the option of a \$300 fine. Mr. Gardiner appeared for him and asked for leniency.

Another U.S. Shipping Board vessel, the "Courageous," has been assigned for operation to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. This boat left San Francisco on December 29 for Vladivostok, with a cargo of military supplies, and will arrive in Hongkong about February 5. It will be despatched from here about February 12.

Canton's imports on January 21, were 168 packages of human hair for Seattle, and 220 of wool from New York. On Jan. 21 there came down 410 packages of tobacco for Cairo, 500 of cigars for Manzanillo, 500 of cigars for New York, four of silk handkerchiefs for Barcelona, and 10 of wolfram ore for Tokyo.

The Royal Naval Rifle Club had a large attendance at their dance, in the Naval Theatre last night, when a nice programme of dances was gone through. The cold nip in the air added keenness and enjoyment to the dancing. Chief Writer Smith and Petty Officer Wood, were the responsible committee men.

A quantity of clothing and a bottle of best wine was stolen from a room in the law. He stole them from a gardener's shed in Shaikwan. Information given to a detective led to the arrest in an opium divan. The evidence in Court revealed the fact that he was an old timer. He was sent to prison for 14 days.

A banisher, returning before the expiry of his term, was caught by the Police stealing 19 panes of glass from No. 31 Seymour Road. His escape that he forgot the length of his banishment term was not considered valid and he was sent to prison for six months with an additional 14 days for stealing.

Following our announcement made yesterday in this official notice:—Notification has been received at Military Headquarters, Hongkong, from Army Headquarters in India that unless War Office instructions arrangements are being made to return to Hongkong as soon as possible 35 men who were enlisted under the Local Military Service Ordinance and drafted to Kintore. They will be demobilized, not discharged, and eventually be given Army Form Z.21.

The members of the Sergeant's Mess, Lyemum, held a concert on Monday evening, which should have taken place on December 31, but owing to unforeseen circumstances it had to be postponed. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all, the earliest part of the evening with a billiard tournament, followed by refreshments ably catered by Master Ganser (aided and abetted by the very kind assistance of the S.E.P.), to which fund a special vote of thanks was voted. Songs and recitations were a plentiful and very enjoyable evening was concluded with the National Anthem.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, C.B.E.

GOOD SERVICE MEADLS.

General Order No. 4 of 1919 states:—His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to grant the Police Reserve Good Service Medal to P.O. 784 Thomas who has been commended on three occasions since October 1916, for zealous and meritorious conduct.

SUPERINTENDENTS AND INSPECTORS.

All Superintendents and Inspectors are required to attend at Headquarters Office on Thursday, January 23, at 5.30 p.m. Uniform optional.

PROMOTION.

The H.O. C.S.P. approves the promotion of P.O. 712 Tarrant to the rank of Sergeant, Search Supervisors Squad.

STRENGTH.

P.O. 601 Robertson is permitted to resign on leaving the Colony, with effect from January 31 1919.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

THESE Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

HONGKONG GOVERNOR RESIGNS.

SIR HENRY MAY'S SERVICE TO CEASE AT END OF FEBRUARY.

The "China Mail" is informed by Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Colonial Secretary, that the Officer Administering the Government has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the effect that the Governor has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted from the end of February. The Secretary of State has accepted it with much reluctance and warm thanks for Sir Henry May's long and distinguished services. He does not doubt that this feeling will be fully shared by the Colony, for which he has done so much. The official communication adds:—His Excellency feels sure that the news of the resignation of Sir Henry May will be received with the deepest regret by all classes of the community. A meeting of the Executive and Legislative Councils will be held on Saturday, January 25, at which a resolution will be moved.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The fifth of the series of Club Championship events was sailed off on Saturday last, and resulted as follows:—

COURSE.—LYEMUM REEF (P), CUST ROCK BAY (P), CHANNEL ROCK (S); DISTANCE 2 1/2 miles.

Yacht.	Course.	Time.	Corrected Time.
Dione ..	owns.	1 35 50 03	5 31 28
Kolla ..		43 57 00	5 27 43
Essai ..	receives	1 35 00	5 28 00
Diana ..		6 23 11 18	6 04 35
Colleen ..		6 23 00	6 04 35
Dorothea ..		6 49 55 53	5 50 13

Position.	Points for race.	Points to date.
(1) Kolla ..	7	26
(2) Dione ..	5	29
(3) Dorothea ..	4	14
(4) Diana ..	3	20
Jessie ..	—	—
Colleen ..	—	—

ONE DESIGN CLASS.

Yacht.	Course.	Time.	Corrected Time.
Alma ..	Scratch	5 25 38	5 25 38
Bonita ..		5 10 51	5 10 51
Daphne ..		5 31 50	5 31 50
Halcyon ..		5 21 19	5 21 19

Position.	Pts. for race.	Pts. to date.
(1) Halcyon ..	5	9
(2) Alma ..	3	16
(3) Daphne ..	1	18
(4) Bonita ..	1	11

The race for the Howard Davis and Gail Classes will have to be sailed at a later date, as the yachts finishing in this class exceeded the time limit—6 p.m.

HOWITT PHILLIPS CO.

"WITHIN THE LAW"

The second performance of this Howitt Phillips Co., at the Theatre Royal last night, was entirely satisfactory, and there was a large and attentive audience. "Within the Law" is a play in 4 Acts by Bayard Vellier, described as an American "creek" play. It proved very interesting, and was well played right through, without a dull moment. The story concerns Mary Turner, a saleswoman in a large emporium owned by Edward Gilder. Accused of theft, she is sentenced to three years' imprisonment. On release she becomes a "pal" of Joe Garson, a forger, (but one to whom the audience instantly takes a liking). Agnes Lynch now makes her appearance, having been taken up by Mary Turner. Agnes is the lively element of the piece, and sends the audience into roars of laughter. Mary Turner marries Richard Gilder, a son of the emporium owner, to get revenge, and the news is broken to the father in a very thrilling fashion to Act II. The play had the usual happy ending. Gertrude Godard was splendid as Mary Turner and had the audience "held" on many occasions, until Doris Phillips, in the part of Agnes Lynch, brought them from tragedy to comedy by her humorous remarks, and sometimes by her very unexpected ejaculations. These two were the stars of the cast. Charles Howitt acted the part of Joe Garson in a convincing and confident style. Ronald Riley as a New York Police Inspector was very good, and caused much amusement at times. H. B. Waring was a convincing husband, and acted a difficult and sentimental part well. On every hand could be heard favourable comments, and undoubtedly it was deserved, and the full house was deserved too.

To-night the company gives its last performance when "The Glad Eye" will be presented. The company excel in this style of play, and should again have a large audience.

LECTURE ON EDUCATION.

Last night, at St. Paul's College, under the auspices of the C.E.M.S., an interesting lecture on "Education" was given by Mr. L. Forster, B.A., of Victoria British School. Professor H. G. Earle presided. Mr. Forster dealt first with the beginning of Education, which was in the hands of religious bodies. Not until 1833 did the Government recognise that it had any responsibility towards education and then it made grants, but these were made through the churches. This state of things existed up to 1870, when the Education Act was passed. This created the School Boards and competition began between Church Schools and the School Boards. The result was that in 1902 the Church schools were practically bankrupt. After referring to the Passive Resistance movement, Mr. Forster talked about teaching staffs. In the past, he said, the personality of the master has been of transcendental importance. The Victorian idea was that the ideal schoolmaster was a person who should profoundly influence the character of his pupils by a high moral tone, which would eventually be the means of ennobling the mass of the nation; in other words, the regeneration of the State was expected to come through the agency of the national system of education. This ideal has now been abandoned. In place of the teacher who is continually radiating his influence over his pupils, with whom he is in close and constant association, we have a succession of experts who give their efficient services and produce efficiency in their pupils without having much effect upon, or interest in, the development of their characters. What we are aiming at now is not so much culture and a high moral tone as commercial efficiency and smartness. Instead of the teacher being a kind of lay priest he becomes the tradesman selling his mental wares for the most that he can bring. This is more largely due to the modern organization of education than to the teacher himself. It is very difficult to get in any bureaucratic system such as the present that spirit and tone which are so essential in a perfect scheme. This is owing to the fact that the personal responsibility of the teacher is largely undermined by the feeling that he is merely a small part in the colossal machinery—interchangeable at that—which works the system. His masters are people he seldom sees, while he is the victim of an elaborate spy system called an inspectorate. The nebulous committee which he serves, by its strict regulations demands and gets its pound of flesh, but rarely its drop of blood.

Mr. Forster condemned the life in the council school, the public secondary school, and the new provincial university. In these places the keynote was study and efficiency, to the neglect of the spiritual and emotional. The result was that this kind of education lessened one form of crime but at the same time increased another. Crimes of brutal assault might lessen but others like embezzlement were on the increase.

Mr. Forster proceeded:—There is no doubt, also, that our educational establishments have been greatly influenced by America and Germany. The commercial success of these countries before the war caused us to modify our institutions and to make them approximate to those in these countries. This process was hastened by the war, which revealed so many of our educational defects. In a word, the frequently happens that nations exchange ideals. We are impressed with the resources of our adversary, we so fix our minds on his points of superiority, that we imitate him on those points. The Prime Minister said in a recent speech that the future of German life we had to fear most was his education.

The main weakness in our present educational system, so the lecturer seemed to think, was the absence of religious instruction. It would be better if the laws of God were inculcated in the schools. Were tolerance and love for our neighbours taught there would be fewer wars and consequently less waste of energy in producing armaments and weapons of destruction. If the Seventh Commandment were instilled more deeply into the minds of the young and put generally, as taught by the Church, implanted in boys and girls, less would be heard of loathsome diseases and the energies of many doctors would be turned into more profitable directions. It is said, for instance, that owing to the careful instruction in youth the Irish are the most chaste men and women of the British Isles. The present educational system was, the lecturer said, lacking a soul.

The education of the greater part of the nation has passed, or is passing, from the keeping of the Church and has fallen into the arms of Commerce, which the old Catholics said "non Deo placeat," but which, realising its possibilities of service, is re-shaping the whole body of it, rendering it more and more practical and paying close attention to aspects of it which were formerly seriously neglected. Clinics have been set up where free medical attention is given to the sick and poor child, open-air schools are being constructed for the delicate child, food-centres have been established for the hungry child, and play-centres for the idling child. Thus the mental and physical parts of the child are being catered for. It only the system had a soul it would be perfect. Of course it is seriously questioned by many thoughtful men whether the State can successfully provide a complete education, for a large part of education must deal, or ought to deal, with moral development, apart from the fact that many still urge that religion ought to be the basis of all education. It is to be noted that great educationists like Mr. Fisher and Mr. Sadler always disclaim any intention of closing down the voluntary and private institutions for which, they say, there is much

H.M.S. "TAMAR"

HAS SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S PARTY.

On H.M.S. "Tamar" yesterday afternoon was held the annual fancy dress party for the children of the Naval Dockyard, given by the Commodore in charge of H. M. Naval Yard. This is the social event of the year for many.

Commodore V. G. Gurner, R.N., Mrs. and Miss Gurner, received the guests at the entrance to the quarter deck. Here the venerable old ship was a perfect picture. The quarter deck was entirely enveloped with flags and bunting, and with electrically lighted Chinese lanterns presented a charming sight. Of all the places decorated by the skilful Naval men, none previously seen equalled H.M.S. "Tamar" yesterday. The decorations excited general admiration, and H.E. The Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. Cland Severn, C.M.G., who was among the guests, was enthusiastic in his praise of them.

Primarily designed for the children's enjoyment, there was opportunity for the adults to dance, and many did, on a portion of the deck that was set apart for them.

Before tea the children took part in games of which there was a varied selection, including the shuttle, see-saw, swing, life-saving, Aunt Sally, etc., and these were in great demand, and provided lots of fun. After an excellent tea there was dancing and a parade of the children in fancy costumes. The many pretty, and in some cases striking dresses made a kaleidoscope of colour, which, enhanced by the coloured lights, made a fairytale for the little folk. A prominent fancy costume was that of Miss Gurner who was attired in a replica of the uniform of a Chinese policeman, but much swarter.

Mr. Cland Severn's tact and experience were severely tested in taking a flash-light photograph of the party.

The proceedings ended with the old fashioned country dance, "Sir Roger de Coverly," for which, and most of the other dances, Mrs. Alderman was at the piano. The party dispersed at 8.30 having spent a really happy afternoon.

TRADE INQUIRY LIST.

Hongkong merchants are invited by the U.S. Consul-General to correspond with American concerns seeking Hongkong connections as listed below:—

No. 935.—Men's Underwear.—Wright's Underwear Company of 74 Leonard Street, New York City, seeks a Hongkong agent for its line of Wright's high grade underwear for all countries and climates.

No. 936.—Paints, Varnishes, Roofings.—Mr. O. S. Orrick, President of the California Paint Company of Oakland, California, is about to visit Hongkong in the interest of his concern and will be glad to get in touch with parties interested.

No. 937.—Automobiles, Railway Equipment, Electrical Equipment, Manufacturers of Iron and Steel, etc.—The International Trading Corporation of 25 Beaver Street, New York City, invites correspondence in relation to a general line of exports including automobiles, railway equipment, electrical equipment, iron and steel manufactures, sole leather condensed milk, oils, paints, paraffine wax, and tobacco and cigarettes.

No. 938.—Wines.—Messrs. Luigi Calisano and Figli, Inc., of 140 W. 42nd Street, New York City, seek Hongkong connections for the introduction of Calisano wines and invite correspondence.

No. 939.—Fine Chocolates.—The Elmer Candy Company, Inc., of New Orleans, La., invites correspondence looking to the introduction into this field of their chocolates and candies.

No. 940.—Magneto Parts and Generator Brushes.—Paul G. Reiboff and Co., Inc., of 330 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., invite correspondence in relation to a line of magneto parts and generator brushes.

No. 941.—Perfumery and Toilet Articles.—The La Valliere Company of 518-521 Bienville Street, New Orleans, La., seeks Hongkong connections for the introduction of a line of perfumery and toilet articles, and invites correspondence.

No. 942.—Ship chandlery, light and heavy hardware, automobile repair parts and accessories.—Norman S. Wright and Co., of 244 California Street, San Francisco, seek Hongkong connections for their line of ship chandlery, light and heavy hardware, automobile repair parts and accessories.

No. 943.—Baltana.—The Premier Trading Corporation of 180 Nassau Street, New York City, ask for samples, prices, and details of the trade in rattan peel and cane, chair cane, etc., and invite correspondence.

In conclusion Mr. Forster urged the improving of Church education, so that democracy might not become too overbearing nor too much concerned with material things.

WAR CHARITIES.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST No. 33.

General:—	
A. S. Watson & Co.'s Staff (monthly sub.)	\$ 35
Mr. H. Skett (monthly sub.)	100
St. Andrew's Day, 1918	60,745.84
Britishers (monthly sub.)	100
Sir C. P. Chesser	1,500
Officer Singh (monthly sub.)	10
Office Staff—Messrs. Butterfield & Swire	833.10
Staff—Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. (monthly sub.)	190
Interest on current account Sir W. Rees-Davies (monthly sub.)	833
Sir F. H. May (monthly sub.)	80
Mr. S. G. Newall (monthly sub.)	150
L. S. (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. Irving (monthly sub.)	80
31 Members—Institute of Engineers & Shipbuilders of Hongkong, for November (monthly sub.)	188
P. & Co. (monthly sub.)	100
C. D. B. (monthly sub.)	25
Staff—General Post Office (monthly sub.)	30.75
Hon. Mr. Cland Severn (monthly sub.)	100
Wong Sui Woon (monthly sub.)	10
Kowloon British School—December (monthly sub.)	22
Hongkong & Kowloon Sketch Club	830.60
14 Members of Taikeo Club—Nov. (monthly sub.)	55
Mr. H. Over—Carstenes (monthly sub.)	10
Mr. T. King (monthly sub.)	10
Mr. F. E. A. Worsley (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. J. P. Elmer (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. A. C. Pedersen (monthly sub.)	5
Mr. R. C. Jensen (monthly sub.)	5
Chief Inspector Kerr (monthly sub.)	5
Sergeant Willis (monthly sub.)	5
Ladies' Working Party of the Union Church (monthly sub.)	50
Mr. J. C. Wildin (monthly sub.)	5
Members of the Sergeants' Mess, H.M.D. Corps	500
Mrs. H. G. Murray Scott (monthly sub.)	20
Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club—December (monthly sub.)	25
F. A. C. (monthly sub.)	225
R. A. C. (monthly sub.)	15
Mr. H. H. Gompertz (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. Davidson (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. L. Agassiz (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. H. Sharp (monthly sub.)	20
Mr. C. G. Alabaster (monthly sub.)	20
Balance of Hongkong St. George's Day, 1918	4,193.79
Mr. J. M. McPherson (monthly sub.)	10
Mr. H. T. Jackson	25
Interest on London s/c to 31/10/18, 293.7/6 at 3/4d.	559.65
Anonymous Monthly Subs.	1,880.50
Prisoners of War:—	
Mr. C. Thomas (monthly sub.)	50
Mr. Albert W. Smith (monthly sub.)	25
Officers' Families Fund:—	
Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock (monthly sub.)	30
Anonymous Monthly Subs.	61
Pips Fund:—	
Mr. F. G. Becke (monthly sub.)	10
Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association:—	
Mr. H. A. Nisbet (monthly sub.)	25
Red Cross:—	
Salv. of Boxes at H.K. Hotel Staff—General Post Office (monthly sub.)	666.76
Salv. of Boxes at H.K. Hotel	13.25
Amoy Club Red Cross Book	22.73
Amoy Customs Club Red Cross Club Book	61
Blinded Soldiers and Sailors:—	33.22
H.K. Police, per Sergt. Boulger (monthly sub.)	27.30
Mr. N. D. Karanjia (monthly sub.)	50
A. W. (monthly sub.)	6
Ladies' Bridge Book, Nov./Dec. (monthly sub.)	23.40
Royal Navy and H.M. Dockyard, per Rev. F. G. Hastings (monthly sub.)	71
X. Y. Z. (monthly sub.)	50
Anonymous Monthly Subs.	60
Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops:—	
Anonymous	53.13
Collection at St. John's Cathedral on 5.1.19	500.60
Already acknowledged	\$ 75,169.12
Amounts remitted, etc.	1,397,553.40
Balance in current a/c	\$ 90,988.07
H. C. SANDFORD, Hon. Treasurer.	
Hongkong, 21st Jan., 1919.	

COMPANY REPORTS.

HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

The 5th report of the board of directors for presentation on Jan. 29, reads:—

The Directors have now to submit a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918. The Net Profits for that period amount to \$124,907.90 which with \$25,000.00 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$149,907.90. It is now proposed to pay a Dividend of \$5.00 per share amounting to \$149,907.90 and to carry forward the balance of \$14,907.90 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Mr. C. E. Anton having left the colony Hon. Mr. David Landale was invited to join the Board in his place. Mr. E. Shellin having resigned, Mr. A. H. Compton was appointed in his place. These appointments now require confirmation. Sir Paul Chater now retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$1,000,000.00
Debitures	1,500,000.00
Suspense Account	1,000.00
Accounts Payable	124,907.90
Balance of Profit & Loss A/c	124,907.90
Total	\$2,749,915.90
ASSETS.	
Cost of Property	\$2,604,140.63
Amount invested in shares	42,837.50
at cost	3,078.83
at cost	415.57
Furniture	6,878.71
Accounts Receivable	6,878.71
Total	\$2,749,915.90

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.	
To Charges	\$80.38
To Donations to War Charities	1,000.00
To Legal Expenses	1,654.30
To Repairs to Property	10,918.31
To Advertising	200.93
To Crown Rent	1,633.89
To Government Rates	41,131.18
To Fire Insurance	4,472.50
To Commission to General Managers	5,648.89
To Debenture Interest	90,000.00
To Directors' Fees	4,000.00
To Auditors' Fees	150.00
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:—	
To Dividend of 8 per cent. 80,000.00. Balance to be carried to new Profit and Loss Account 44,907.90	124,907.90
Total	\$291,022.32
CREDIT.	
By Balance brought forward	\$6,047.14
By Rent Account	258,889.83
By Scrip Fees	10.00
By Bad and Doubtful Debts recovered	6,275.45
Total	\$281,022.32

WEST POINT BUILDING Co., Ltd.

The 3rd report of the general agents of this Company for presentation on Jan. 29, reads:—The General Agents now submit a Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1918. The Net Profits for the year amount to \$71,187.90 which with \$3,698.74 the amount brought forward from the previous year, makes an amount available for division of \$74,886.64. From this amount Interim Dividend of \$3.00 per share has already been paid and it is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$2.80 per share making a total Dividend for the twelve months of \$5.80 per share, and to carry forward the Balance of \$2,386.64 to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Mr. C. E. Anton having resigned Hon. Mr. David Landale was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation. Hon. Mr. David Landale and Mr. C. E. Gubbay now retire by rotation, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$625,000.00
Accounts Payable	12,000.00
Balance of Profit & Loss	\$74,886.64
Interim Dividend Paid	\$7,600.00
Total	\$748,486.64
ASSETS.	
Cost of Property	\$614,801.81
Loans at Call	60,000.00
Accounts Receivable	7,251.00
Cash in hand and at Bank	2,333.83
Total	\$748,486.64

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.	
To Fire Insurance	\$3,491.50
To Charges	175.62
To Donations to War Charities	1,000.00
To Crown Rent	818.00
To Repairs to Buildings	6,887.05
To Commission to Agents	3,741.19
To Interim Dividend of \$3.00 for Half year	37,500.00
Directors' Fees	600.00
Auditors' Fees	80.00
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:—	
Dividend of \$5.80 per share \$36,000.00. Balance to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account 387,386.64	391,400.00
Total	\$91,400.00
CREDIT.	
By Balance brought forward	\$3,078.83
By Rent	87,000.00
By Interest	641.62
By Scrip Fees	5.00
By Unclaimed Dividends for feited	104.78
Total	\$91,400.00

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The 33rd report of the Board of Directors for presentation on January 29, reads:—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918.

The Net Profits for that period amount to \$421,737.89 which with \$23,189.58 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$444,927.47. From this amount an Interim Dividend of \$3.50 per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a Final Dividend of \$3.50 per share and after writing off Managing Directors' Fees and a Bonus to Office Staff there remains a balance of \$104,265.01 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Hon. Mr. E. Shellin having resigned Mr. A. H. Compton was invited to join the Board in his place and this appointment now requires confirmation. Messrs. C. S. Gubbay and A. H. Compton now retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	\$5,000,000.00
Equalization of Dividend	250,000.00
Reserve for bad or Doubtful Debts	9,840.68
Accounts Payable	2,450,702.14
Balance of Profit & Loss	175,000.00
Total	\$8,000,000.00
ASSETS.	
Cash	\$4,811.20
Amount invested in Mortgage	60,647.00
Amount invested in Property	7,468,635.64
Amount invested in Shares	323,114.48
Furniture	4,803.88
Accounts Receivable	\$3,708.64
Total	\$8,000,000.00

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.	
To Interim Dividend of \$3.50 for the Half year	\$175,000.00
To Charges Account	31,880.18
To Donations to War Charities	5,000.00
To Repairs to House Property	38,792.84
To Advertising	429.30
To Legal Expenses	27,733.73
To Interest on Loans Payable	951.30
To Interest on Mortgages	191,338.00
To Reserve for Bad or Doubtful Debts	9,840.68
To Directors' Fees	7,500.00
To Auditors' Fees	1,000.00
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:—	
Managing Directors' Fees	\$32,333.05
Final Dividend of 3 1/2% for the Half year	\$175,000.00
Bonus to Staff	\$116.50
Balance to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account	\$104,265.01
Total	\$734,314.29
CREDIT.	
By Undivided Profits 1917	\$28,189.58
By Rent	620,423.36
By Commission	12,914.18
By Scrip Fees	11.00
By Profit on Sales of Property	72,947.17
Total	\$734,314.29

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The 17th report of the Board of Directors for presentation on January 29, reads:—

The Directors have now to submit a General Statement of the affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1918. The Net Profits for the year amount to \$90,762.68 which with \$23,236.54 brought forward from last account makes an amount available for division of \$113,999.22. It is now proposed to pay a Dividend of 7 per cent. on the paid up Capital, after providing for the three months' interest on the loan of \$108,234.22 to be carried to the credit of a new Profit and Loss Account.

Directors.—Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. S. Gubbay now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown who now retire, and are recommended for re-election.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.	
Nominal Capital 25,000 Shares of \$100 each	\$2,500,000.00
Issued Capital 12,500 Shares of \$100 each	\$1,250,000.00
7 1/2% per share being called up	937,500.00
Accounts Payable	6,121.60
Balance of Profit and Loss	683,959.22
Total	\$4,377,580.82
ASSETS.	
Cash in hand and at Bank	10,741.58
Amount invested in Mortgage	220,568.34
Amount invested in Shares	415,953.53
Amount invested in Property	858,563.40
Loans at Call	110,000.00
Furniture	683.73
Accounts Receivable	2,703.64
Total	\$4,377,580.82

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.	
To Charges Account	\$7,200.17
To Donations to War Charities	1,400.00
To Repairs to Property	2,176.63
To Crown Rent Account	5,083.60
To Government Rates Account	6,232.91
To Fire Insurance Account	780.45
To Directors' Fees	5,000.00
To Auditors' Fees	100.00
Total	\$28,189.58
CREDIT.	
By Balance brought forward	\$23,236.54
By Rent	87,000.00
By Interest	641.62
By Scrip Fees	5.00
By Unclaimed Dividends for feited	104.78
Total	\$113,999.22

SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board offices yesterday afternoon, presided over by Mr. A. Gibson and attended by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Lieut. Col. Crisp and Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., F. B. L. Bowley, Chan Kai-ming, S. W. Tse, Mrs. A. D. Hocking (M. O. H.) and Mrs. D. Danby (Secretary).

Pursuant to notice, Mr. E. R. L. Bowley asked:—"With reference to His Excellency's remarks at the Legislative Council on 17 October last (which were reported as follows:—"If you want a poultry market you can have it at once") will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board what steps have been, or are being taken to provide a wholesale poultry market? And will the Head of the Sanitary Department submit to the Board any plans (whether complete or not) which have been prepared with reference to such market?"

The Chairman replied:—Shortly after the meeting of the Legislative Council referred to, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and the unofficial members visited the site proposed for a wholesale poultry market. The general impression was that the site was unsuitable, and the opinion was expressed by one member that it would be to the benefit of the poorer classes if the whole business was abolished. It was agreed that the parties interested should be allowed experimentally to occupy the proposed site, erecting temporary buildings on their own account, and they were informed accordingly. They have taken no steps in the matter. In the opinion of the Government the proper place for a poultry depot is at Kennedy Town, in the cattle depot. A site there has been offered to, and has been refused by the dealer.

The Police have been instructed strictly to enforce the law as regards street obstruction in the neighbourhood of K'o Shing Street.

Mr. Bowley: I understand that the whole matter has been shelved. The Chairman: The place has been offered to the poultry-dealers who have taken no steps whatever to get into possession or use it in any way. Mr. Tse remarked that he understood that the poultry-dealers were taking certain steps in the matter. The site offered them by the Government, was considered too small; they, therefore, did not want to use it. He asked whether the Board had received the plans from the Government, so that the members might see what area was granted the poultry-dealers.

The Chairman replied that they could hardly discuss the answer to the question: If there was to be any further discussion, they should move a formal resolution.

Mr. Alabaster rose to a point of order. He wished to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that the last part of the question had not been answered at all. It was with regard to whether the Head of the Sanitary Department would submit to the Board any plans, whether complete or not, which had been prepared with reference to such a market.

The Chairman replied that the Government had offered that piece of ground to the poultry-dealers under certain conditions. The conditions had not been accepted by the poultry-dealers on the ground stated by Mr. Tse—that there was not sufficient room for the business. With regard to the preparation of a plan, he did not know whether it was ready or not. A plan was being prepared.

Mr. Bowley wished to know what the conditions were. The Chairman replied that it would be better to propose a formal resolution. The matter then dropped.

Subsequently Mr. Alabaster said: I wish to give notice of a question, I will ask at the next meeting. In order to enable the Board to consider the reasonableness, or otherwise, of the attitude taken up by poultry-dealers, I will ask the President to obtain, and to lay before the Board, any plan which may have been prepared with reference to the proposed poultry market.

The Chairman remarked that it would be simpler to move it as a resolution.

Mr. Alabaster replied that if the answer was in the affirmative it could be discussed. He wished an answer laid upon the table, the second part of Mr. Bowley's question.

Balance to be appropriated as follows:—
Dividend of 7 1/2% for the year \$65,625.00 || Balance to be carried to new account | 618,334.73 |
| **Total** | **\$683,959.22** |

By Balance from Last Account \$623,206.54 || By Rent | 40,824.65 |
By Interest Account	44,848.41
By Scrip Fees	1.00
Total	**\$710,510.60**

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SHIPPING

SHIPPING DEBATE.

The shipping position was the subject
of an interesting debate in the House of
Commons recently.Mr. Duncanson, in introducing the sub-
ject, declared that our net was deficit of
3,500,000 tons represented as grave a
problem as was ever faced by a Govern-
ment Department charged with the duty
of keeping up our supplies. He pointed
out that the changes which had taken place
during the last four years had placed us
at a tremendous disadvantage. The
United States was building with great
rapidity, and he suggested that its anti-
submarine was to be possessed of the greatest
mercantile fleet in the world. In his
view, there was only one means of hold-
ing our own against the American flag,
and that was by superstiting and run-
ning our vessels more economically
than the Americans. In addition, Scan-
dinavia and Holland had accumulated
enormous reserves. He urged that 500
of 100 of the 1,200 merchant ships, which
at one time were in the service of the
Navy, should be released at once, and
devoted to carrying coal to other countries
and bringing back food.Mr. Holt asked for a definite announce-
ment that shipbuilding was going to be
made free, and argued that standard ships
had not proved a satisfactory proposition.Sir L. Channon, replying for the
Government, stated that the shipping
Controller was determined at the earliest
possible moment to restore normal con-
ditions in the shipping trade. He an-
nounced that it was the policy of the
Government to sell Government ships to
private owners, and that a beginning had
been made. He drew upon the great
gravity of the submarine danger in the
spring of last year, and in a statistical
defence of his Department, showed the
large measure of success with which the
 menace had been met. He gave some
particularly interesting figures about the
convey system, for the whole period from
the date of its inception in the summer
of 1917 down to November 2 last. Al-
though the convoys included about
47,000,000 gross tons of merchant ship-
ping, and the losses were less than 1.1
per cent. As for the standard ships, 115
had been completed, of which we had
got 139 still.In an illuminating passage the Minister
explained that when the war broke out
there were perhaps 250,000 men engaged
in shipbuilding, engineering, and repairs.
The number now was 381,000, of whom
only 115,000 were engaged on new mer-
chant ship work. He asked whether the
division of the persons available was not
justified by results. He suggested that
the submarine campaign had only been
beaten because the Government had de-
voted the available labour supply more
largely to the Admiralty side than to the
merchant shipping side. He thought it
was not an unfair conclusion that if a
larger amount of labour had been put
on the merchant shipping side and a
smaller part on the naval side, the war
might very possibly have been lost.Turning to the prospects for the im-
mediate future, Sir L. Channon Money
explained that, with shipyard workers
returning from the front, and a transfer
of labour from naval yards to merchant
shipping yards, they could reckon upon
another 1,000,000 tons a year. In a little
while, the total output might reach
3,000,000 tons a year.

P. & O. LINE TO AUSTRALIA.

An early resumption of the P. and O.
mail service between England and Aus-
tralia is anticipated. The Sydney agents
for the line, Messrs. Macdonald, Hamil-
ton and Co., have been advised that the
new big steamers Naldem and Nalunda,
both of nearly 18,000 tons, were handed
over a few days ago. Up to the present
the vessels have not been fitted up for
passengers, the Admiralty requiring them
for the cargo trade. This work is to be
put in hand immediately, and it will not
be long before they are ready for the
trade for which they were constructed.
Both the new steamers are capable of
travelling 19 knots, and there is a pos-
sibility of a reduction in the steaming
time between England and Australia.
Other vessels of the P. and O. fleet will
soon be in Australia, but a time table
cannot be announced until they complete
the duty now allotted them.

PACIFIC MAIL'S PLANS.

Expansion of the Pacific Mail Steam-
ship Co. by the transfer of several large
steamships from United States Govern-
ment control is dependent on whether the
government shall decide to lease or sell
outrightly the vessels under its jurisdic-
tion, according to advice in San Fran-
cisco by steamship men, says the San
Francisco "Chronicle."N. De Tubb, president of the Pacific
Mail Steamship Company and executive
officer of the American-International Cor-
poration, is quoted as New York as
having said—The Pacific Mail has under considera-
tion plans for a great increase in the
efficiency of its transportation service by
the construction of large and fast steam-
ships. These plans are awaiting the deci-
sion of the Government as to its policy
of steamship disposal—whether to lease
or sell steamships for private control.
Private control will mean cheaper opera-
tion and the maximum of efficiency. The
company cannot take definite action until
we know what the Government will do.WINGARNS
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